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Human Rights -
Raphael Rey

Congressman John Porter
1529 Longworth Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Porter:

I am deeply concerned about the severe violations of human rights taking place in Argentina and the case of Raphael Rey in particular. Raphael Rey, age 36, was arrested for no reason. No charges were made against him. On August 31, 1977 the Argentinian court ordered his immediate release. Over three years later, Raphael Rey is still in prison! I understand that he is ill, suffering from a duodenal ulcer and, further, that he has been threatened with bodily harm on several occasions.

His wife, who was imprisoned at the same time as Mr. Rey, was released and on March 3, 1977 emigrated to Israel with their daughter. Mr. Rey was denied permission to emigrate on January 24, 1979 by decree # 176/79.

Raphael Rey's prison address is Unidad Penitenciaria No. 1 Casales, LaPlata, Argentina.

As my representative to the U.S. Congress, I urge you to enlist the services of the United States Embassy in Argentina to force an accounting for this prisoner. It is imperative that the United States support basic human rights in all countries with whom we relate.

Thank you for your good assistance and prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signature Box]

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U.S. DEPT. OF STATE, A/RPS/IPS
Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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Exemption(s): Pb
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